THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : A sum of Rs. 55-6-0 (rupees fifty-five and annas six only) was spent during 1954–55 on the advertisement charges in connexion with family planning.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Is the Hon. the Minister for Health in any way qualifying himself in family planning?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : The hon. Member seems to be a specialist in this matter, Sir.

DR. K. B. MENON : Have the Government any plan to have family planning centres in every village?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Family planning centres are being set up in eight big hospitals. Thirteen part-time clinics are being opened in all district headquarters hospitals. Instructions have been given that at maternity centres advice on family planning should be given to married couples who want such advice.

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM : How many family planning centres are there in the City?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : There are nine family planning clinics in the City.

SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH : Are the Government very serious about this family planning and do they feel that the sum now being spent is adequate for the work?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : The Government of India have sanctioned to this State a grant of Rs. 15,000 for the opening of a Research Centre at the Women and Children Hospital at Egmore. Eight full-time family planning clinics have been set up. The recurring expenditure will be about Rs. 60,200 per annum and this will be shared by the Central and the State Governments.

Sales tax on Inter-State trade.

* 2359 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of sales tax collected on inter-State trade during 1954; and

(*b*) the number of officers appointed to collect the tax from outside the State and their travelling allowance?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Rupees 9,19,324–13–4.

(*b*) One Commercial Tax Officer, four Deputy Commercial Tax Officers and four Assistant Commercial Tax Officers have been appointed. The amount of travelling allowance paid to them during 1954 is Rs. 1,402-3-3 which includes the travelling allowance for the staff that accompanied them.

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SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : சமீபத்தில் சுப்ரிம் கோர்ட் இன்டர் ஸ்டேட் சேல்ஸ் டாக்ஸ் வசூல் செய்வது சட்டவிரோதமானது என்று தீர்ப்புச் சொல்லியிருக்கிறது. ஆகவே இந்தத் தீர்ப்பை அனுசரித்து இது வரையிலும் அம்மாதிரி வசூல் செய்திருப்பதையும் திருப்பிக் கொடுக்க சர்க்கார் ஏற்பாடு செய்யுமா ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : சுப்ரீம் கோர்ட்டின் தீர்ப்பு திடும்பிரவேசமாக வந்திருக்கிறது. அதைப்பற்றியெல்லாம் நன்ருக ஆராய்ந்து பார்த்த பிறகே எந்த முடிவையும் சர்க்கார் எடுக்க வேண்டி யிருக்கிறது.

DR. K. B. MENON : Are the Government aware that orders have not been received by the subordinate officers and that they are still collecting the tax? Will the Government see that such collections are stopped?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : After the judgment was given, instructions have been issued that there should be no such collection. The hon. Member says that he has received some complaints. I do not understand how there could be any complaint because the collections are made outside the State.

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM : I know that goods involved in inter-State transactions are not liable to sales tax. But according to the Explanation to Article 286 of the Constitution, goods even though they are involved in inter-State transactions are liable to be taxed if they are intended for consumption in this State. Can I presume that this tax of Rs. 9 lakhs which has been collected is only on goods which have been utilized for internal consumption in this State?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The reference of hon. Member now is to the old judgment of the Supreme Court. We have now got a new judgment.

Irrigation tanks in disuse in Tiruchirappalli district

* 2360 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the number of irrigation tanks, if any, classified as useless or in disuse in Tiruchirappalli district; and

(b) the total acreage of lands under the said tanks?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (a) No tank is classified as useless or is in disuse in Tiruchirappalli district.

(b) Does not arise.

Membership of Harijan Welfare school teachers in Akhila Malabar Harijan Samajam

* 2361 Q.—SRI O. KORAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have issued any instructions to the teachers of Harijan Welfare schools in Malabar not to become members of Akhila Malabar Harijan Samaj; and

(b) if so, for what reasons?